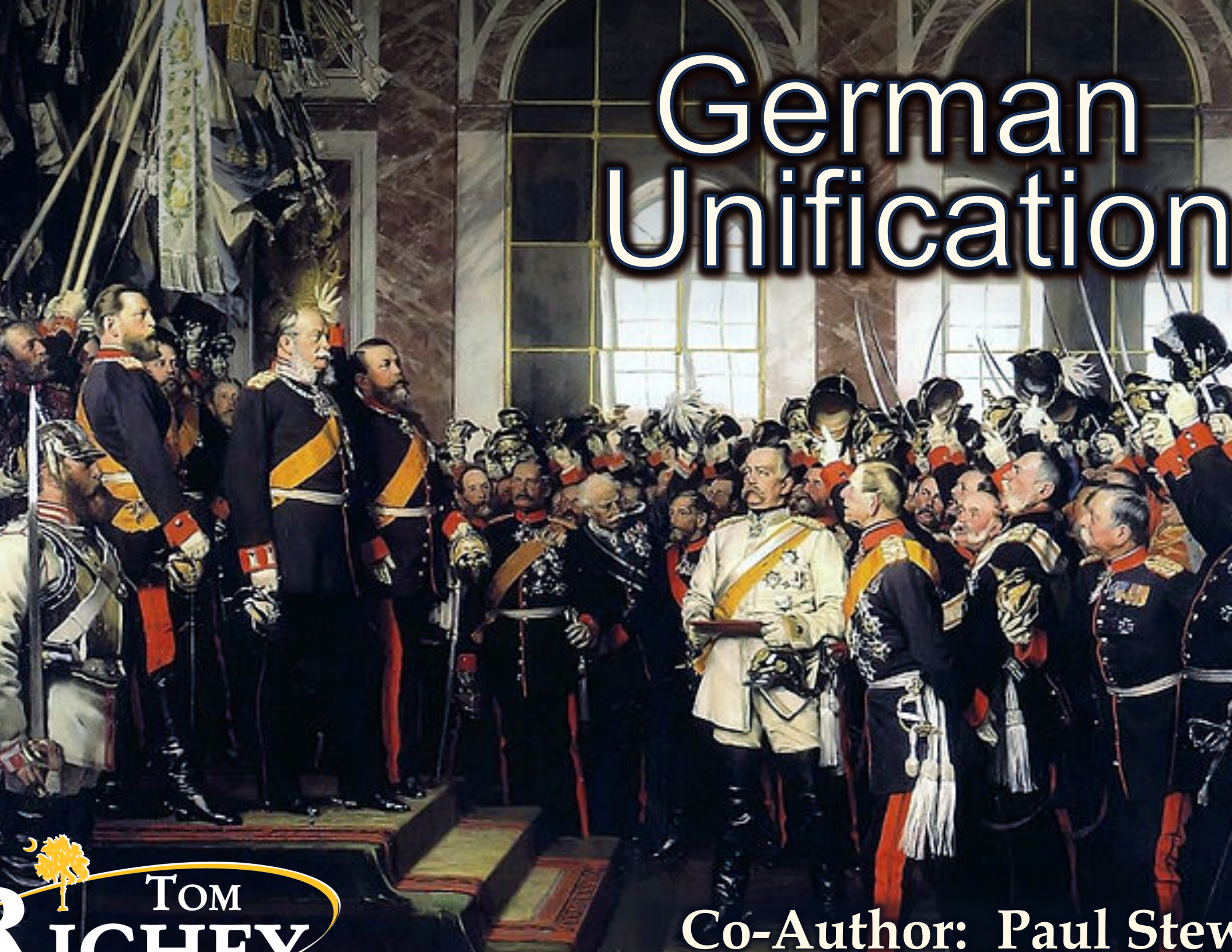


# German Unification







The single most important political development in Europe between 1848 and 1914



It fundamentally altered the  
Balance of Power in Europe.





# A HISTORY OF DIVISON





# Holy Roman Empire

962-1806

Several States  
Frequent Wars

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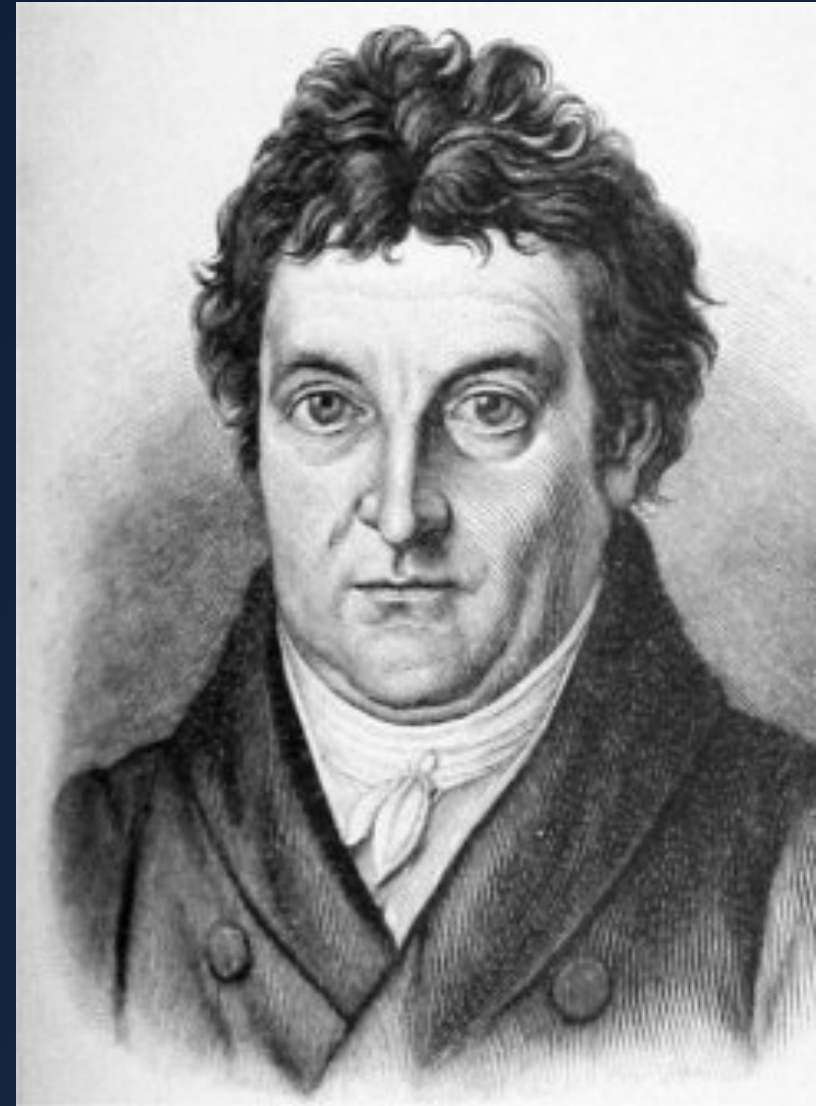
1806-Created the  
confederation of  
the Rhine-  
everything but  
Austria and  
Prussia





# GERMAN NATIONALISM

the first, original, and truly  
natural boundaries of states are  
beyond doubt their internal  
boundaries. Those who speak the  
same language are joined to each  
other by a multitude of invisible  
bonds by nature herself, long  
before any human art begins;  
they understand each other... they  
live together and are by nature  
one and an inseparable whole."





# Congress of Vienna included Austria and Prussia

## Association of

39

German States-  
no central executive  
or judiciary-Just a  
federal Assembly  
dominated by Austria



# PRUSSIA

# Austria

# WHO WILL DOMINATE?



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# Austrian dominance

The Congress of  
Vienna established

## Austria

as the dominant  
German state.



# PRUSSIAN ASCENDANCE

Modern  
Industrialized  
Military  
State







PRUSSIA

Austria

How to  
unify?

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# TWO MODELS FOR UNIFICATION

IG GERMANY  
(GROSSDEUTSCHLAND)

INCLUDES  
Austria



# TWO MODELS FOR UNIFICATION

**Big Germany**  
(GROSSDEUTSCHLAND)

**Small Germany**  
(Kleindeutschland)

**INCLUDES**  
Austria

**EXCLUDES**  
Austria

# Zollverein

German-(Prussian)  
Free Trade  
Agreement-  
Customs Union-All  
German States except  
Austria had joined  
by 1853







# Economic Union Political Union

*The Zollverein  
was the first  
agreement of its  
kind in Europe.*



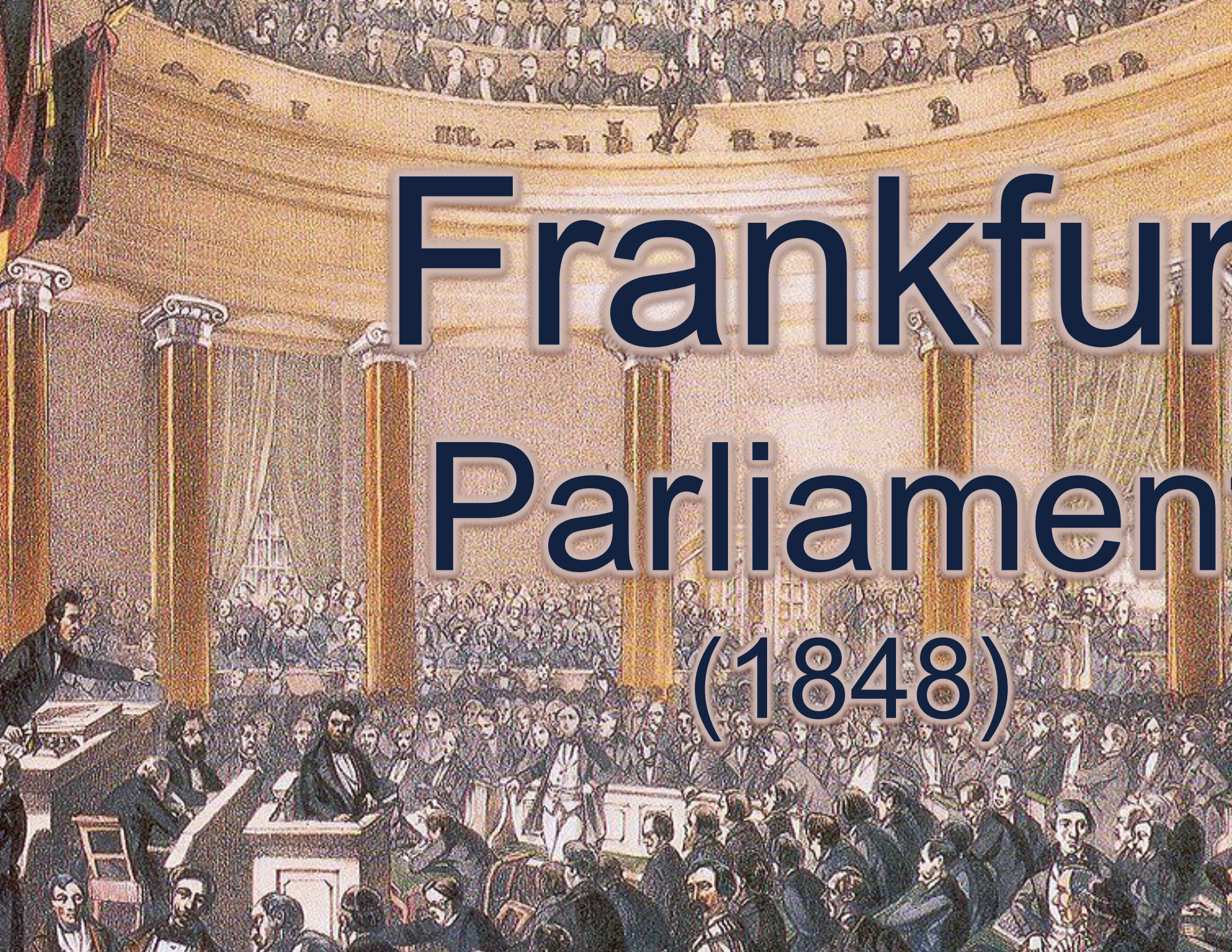


# Revolutions of 1848

ationalists & Liberals







# Frankfurt Parliament (1848)



*Should*

erick William IV  
*of Prussia*

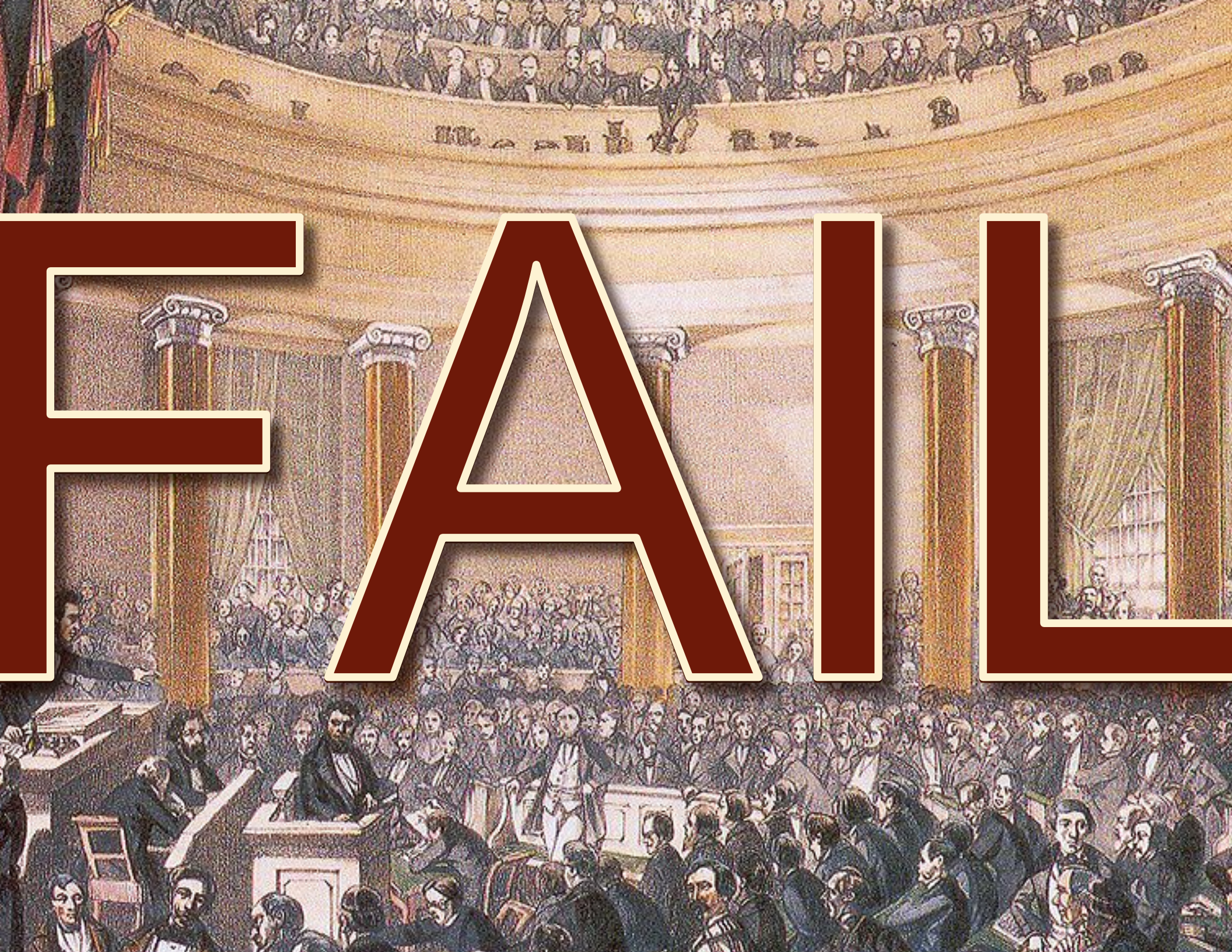






NO THANKS









# Kaiser William

Appointed On  
von Bismarck  
Prime Minister





# Otto von Bismarck

*Ministerpräsident  
of Prussia*

1862-1873



# GOALS:

A strong, unified

German

State under

Prussian  
dominance



A close-up photograph of two hands, one from the left and one from the right, with fingers curled to form a heart shape. The background is a solid, bright yellow. The word "CONSERVATIVE" is written in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font across the center of the image, partially overlapping the heart shape.

**CONSERVATIVE**





Realpolitik



POLITICS BASED ON

power

*rather than ideals.*



I can Dig It.



ISMS



Idealistic

=

Unrealistic

**DOMESTIC** policy



Socialism

is a Threat

# realpolitik

*“State Socialism”*

## BAN

Social Democratic Party  
& Socialist Political  
Propaganda



# realpolitik

## “State Socialism”

### BAN

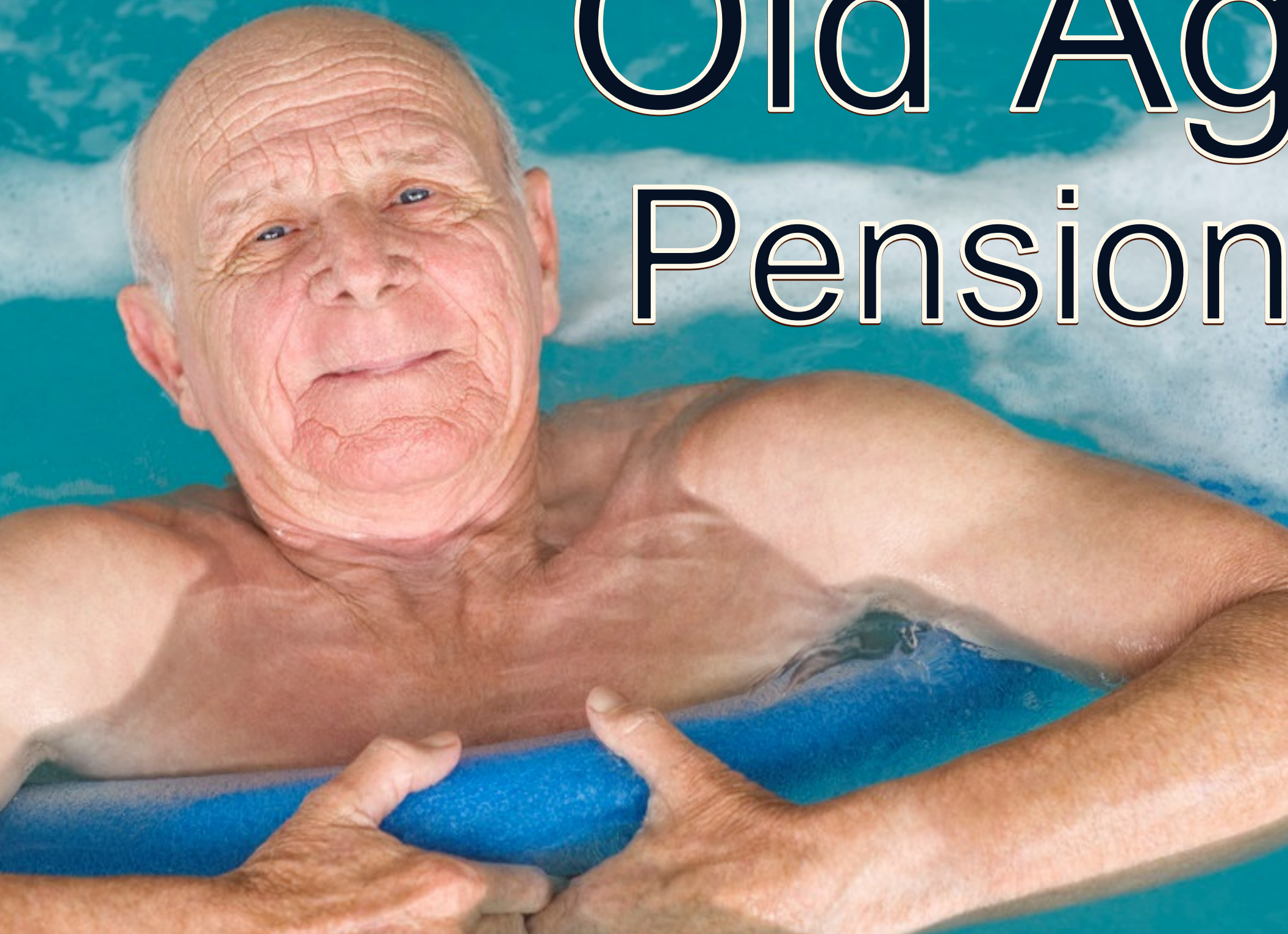
Social Democratic Party  
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Sponsor Europe's

### First

Social Welfare  
Programs

# Old Age Pension





ACCIDENT  
INSURANCE





# Health Insurance





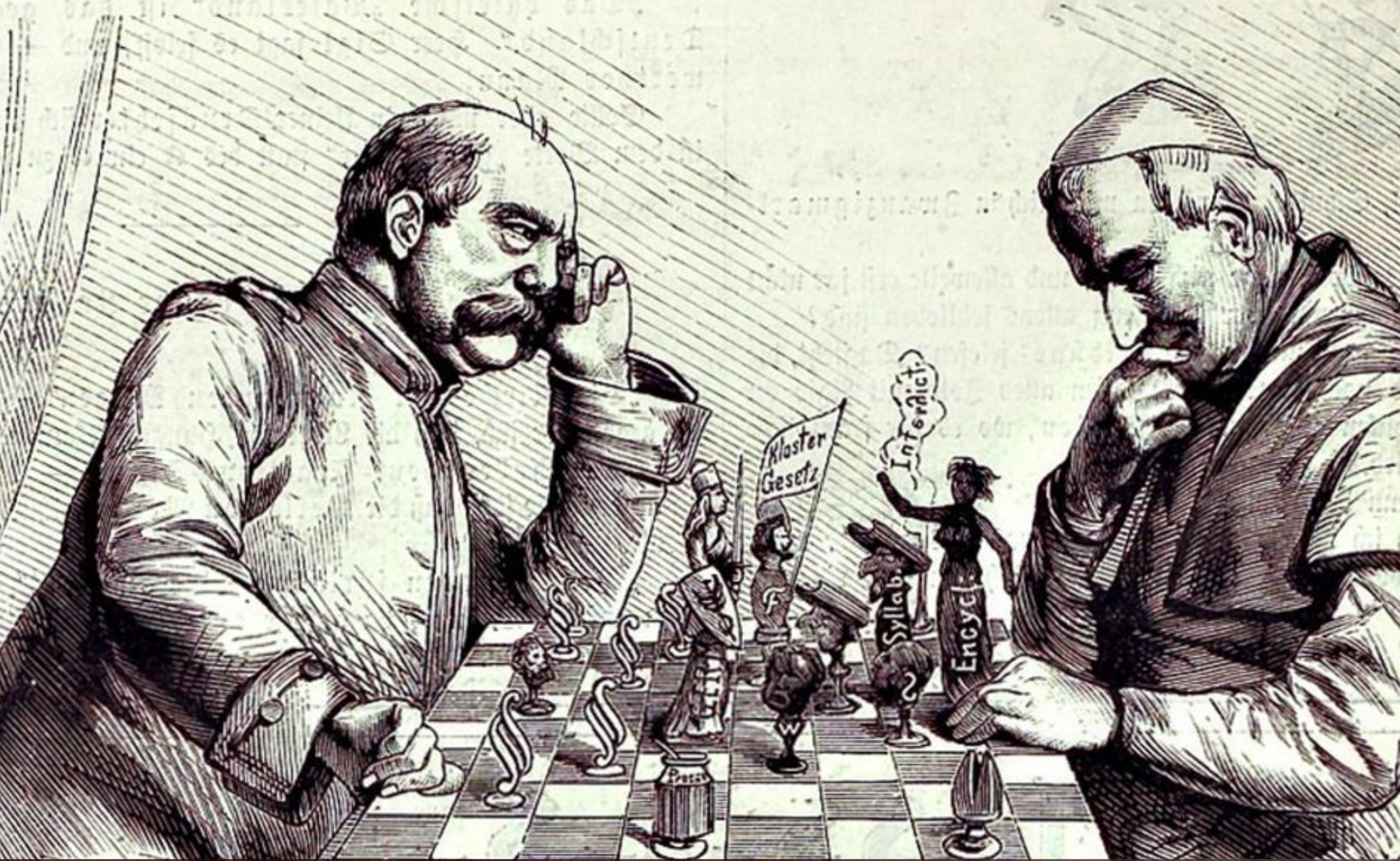
LIBERALS





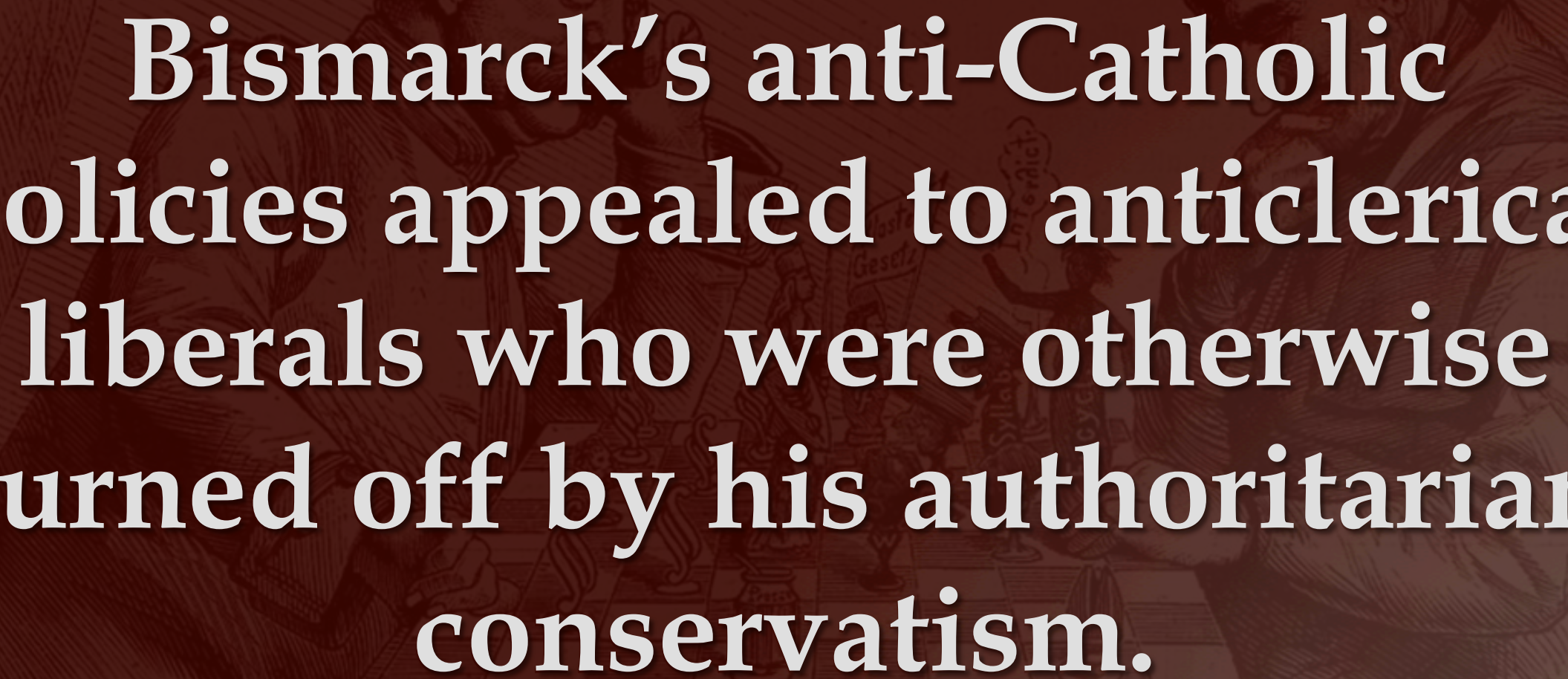
I got  
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# Kulturkampf





Bismarck's anti-Catholic policies appealed to anticlerical liberals who were otherwise turned off by his authoritarian conservatism.



A close-up photograph of large, heavy-duty industrial metal gears. The gears are made of a dark, textured metal, possibly cast iron or steel, and show signs of wear and use. The teeth of the gears are prominent and interlocked. The background is a solid, bright yellow color.

**Liberals were also plac  
by Bismarck's support  
industrialization.**

**ndustrialization**

**FOREIGN policy**

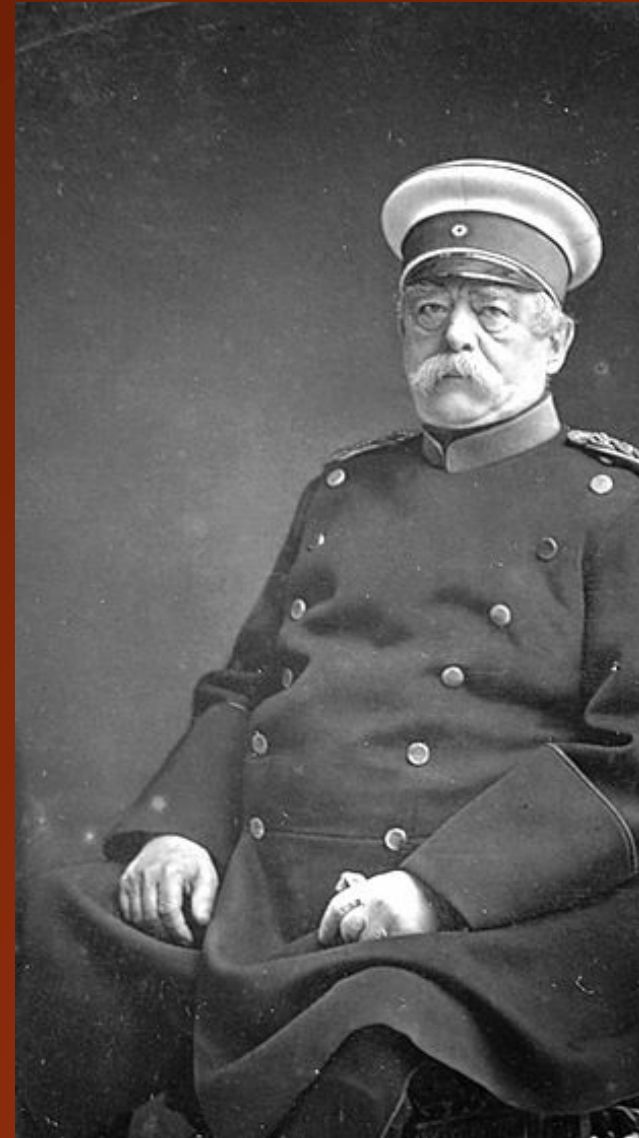


# BLOOD & IRON



# BLOOD & IRON

the position of Prussia in  
many will not be determined  
its liberalism but by its  
over... Prussia must concentrate  
strength and hold it for the  
favorable moment... Not through  
votes and majority decisions  
the great questions of the  
be decided...

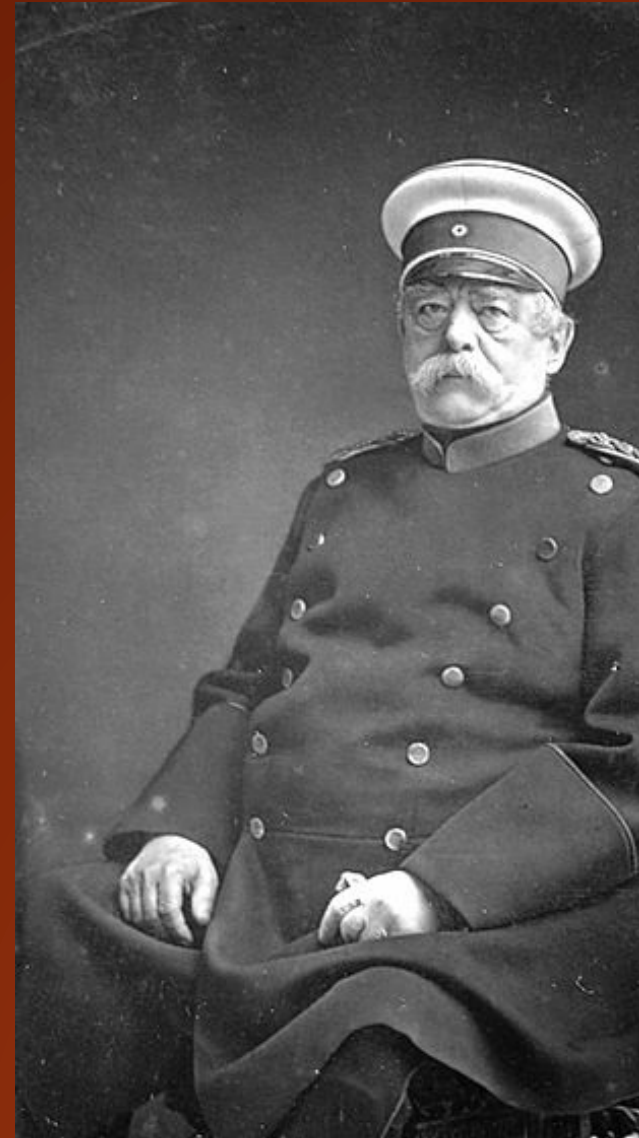




# BLOOD & IRON

out by iron  
and blood.”

-- Otto von Bismarck (1862)



# WARS OF GERMAN UNIFICATION



Danish-Schleswig Wars

Established German dominance  
over German-speaking territories

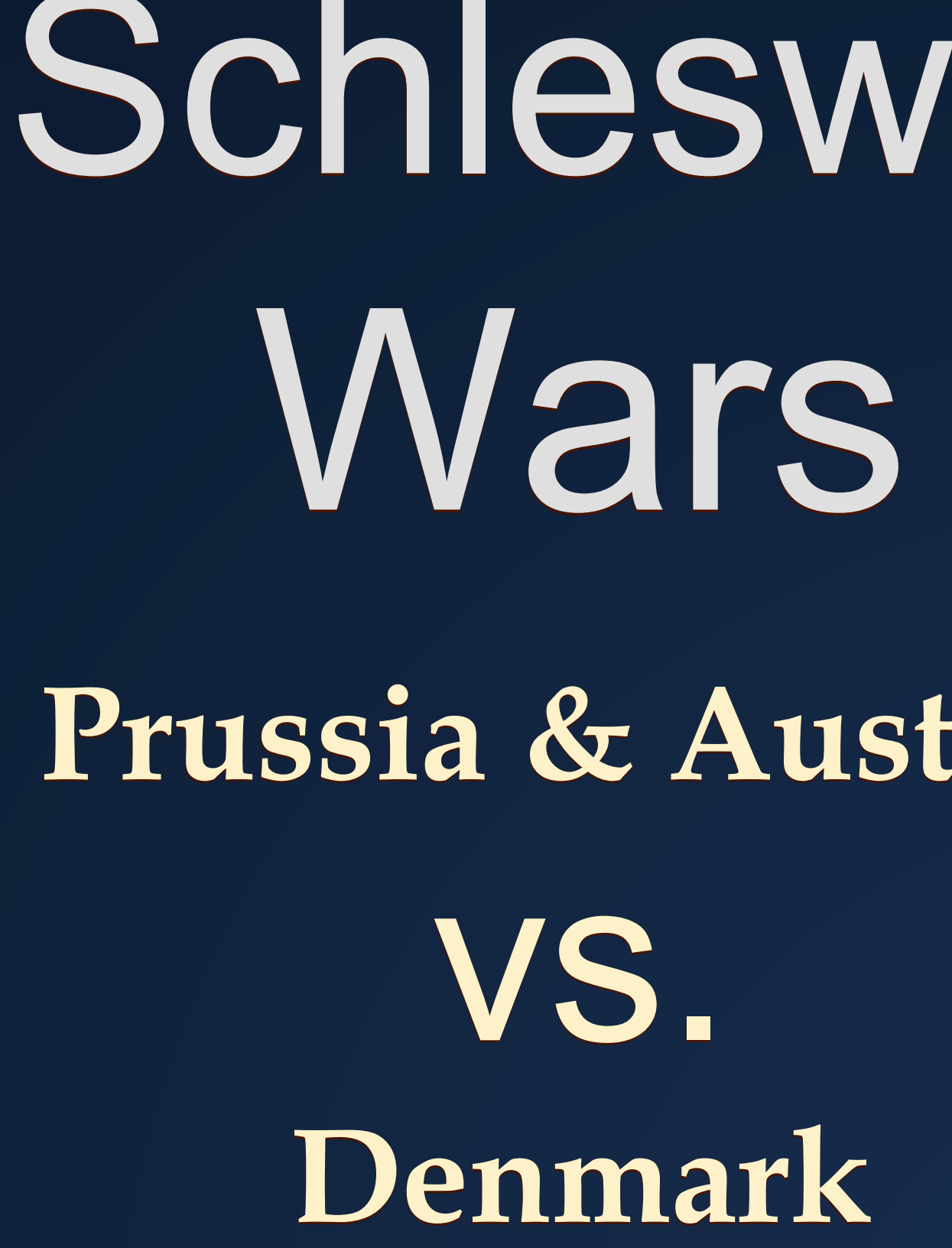
Austro-Prussian  
War

Established Prussia as  
dominant German state

Franco-Prussian  
War

United Northern and  
Southern Germany







# Schlesw

# Wars

Fought on the

pretense

of liberating pockets of  
ethnic Germans under

Denish control



A map of the Schleswig and Holstein region in Northern Germany. The map is color-coded: Northern Schleswig is red, Southern Schleswig is orange, and Holstein is yellow. A purple line separates Northern Schleswig from Southern Schleswig. A pink line separates Southern Schleswig from Holstein. The map shows the Baltic Sea to the east, the North Sea to the west, and the Eider River and Kiel Canal. Various islands and regions are labeled, including Fanø, Sylt, Als, Angeln, Fehmarn, and Danevirke. The cities of Hedeby and Kiel are marked with red dots. The text 'Schleswig Administered by Prussia' is overlaid on the left side in a dark blue box with yellow text. The text 'HOLSTEIN Administered by Austria' is overlaid on the bottom right in a red box with white text.

Schleswig  
Administered by  
Prussia

HOLSTEIN  
Administered by  
Austria



North German  
Confederation



A map of Central Europe showing Prussia in red and other German states in yellow. The text 'Prussia annexed several smaller German states.' is overlaid on the red area. The map shows Prussia's extensive territory, including the Baltic Sea coast and the North German Plain, with numerous smaller states within its borders. To the south, a cluster of yellow-colored states is visible, representing the South German states that resisted Prussian dominance. The surrounding areas are light blue (water) and light grey (other regions).

**Prussia annexed  
several smaller  
German states.**

**South German states  
resisted Prussian  
dominance.**



AND THEN THERE  
WERE TWO





PRUSSIA

Austria



A historical map of Central Europe, likely from the 19th century, showing the borders of various German states and the surrounding regions. The map includes labels for states like Holstein, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Königreich Hannover, Königreich Sachsen, Kgr. Bayern, and Kaiserreich. A red dashed line indicates a boundary from 1848-1851. A large black rectangle with the word 'PRUSSIA' in yellow is overlaid on the map, and a red rectangle with the text 'WHO WILL DOMINATE?' is in the bottom left. A yellow rectangle with the word 'Austria' in black is in the bottom right.

# PRUSSIA

WHO WILL  
DOMINATE?

# Austria





PRUSSIA

Austria



# Austro-Prussian War 1866





7 weeks







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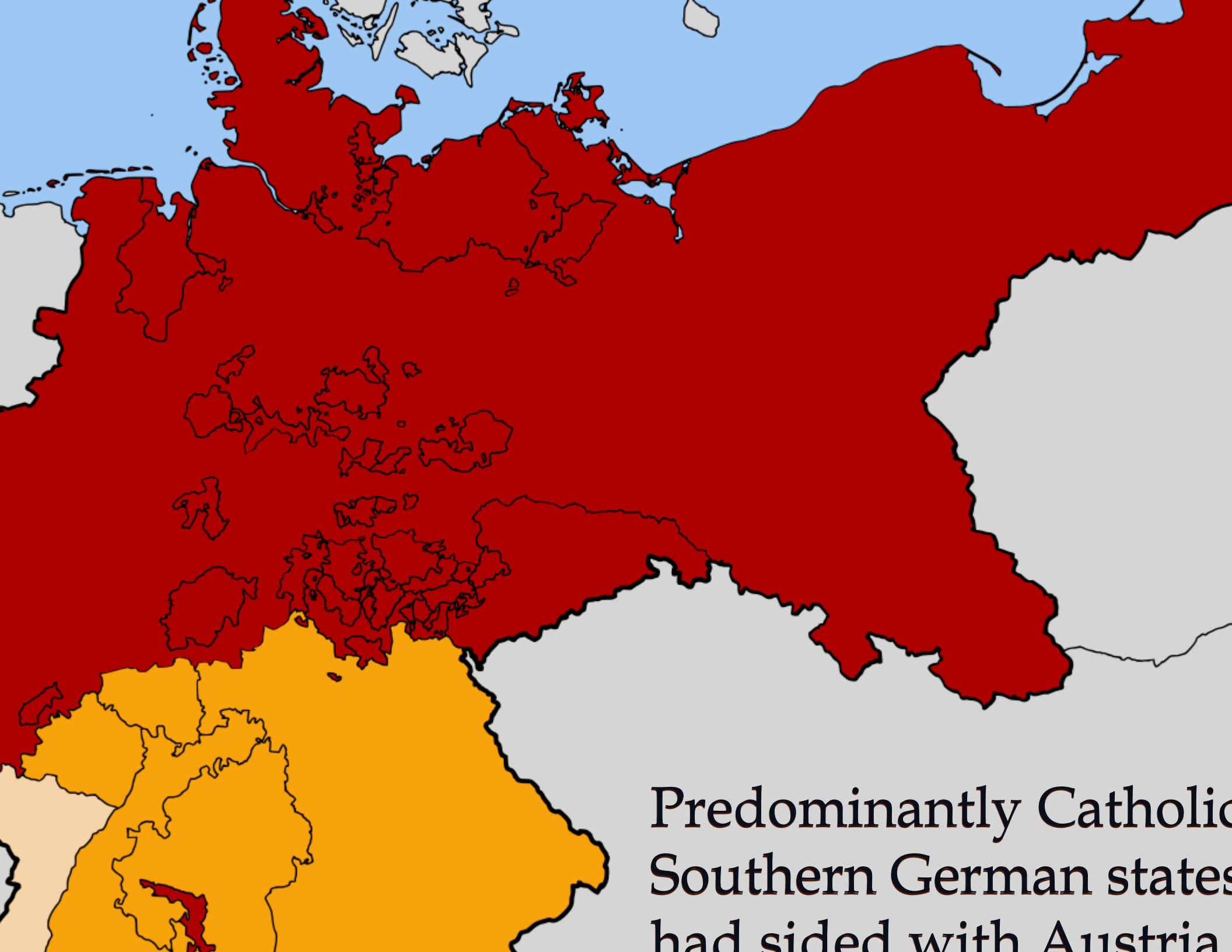
Kleindeutschland







losers



Predominantly Catholic  
Southern German states  
had sided with Austria





HOW WILL  
Germany be  
Unified?

# BLOOD & IRON





# Franco-Prussian War 1870-1871







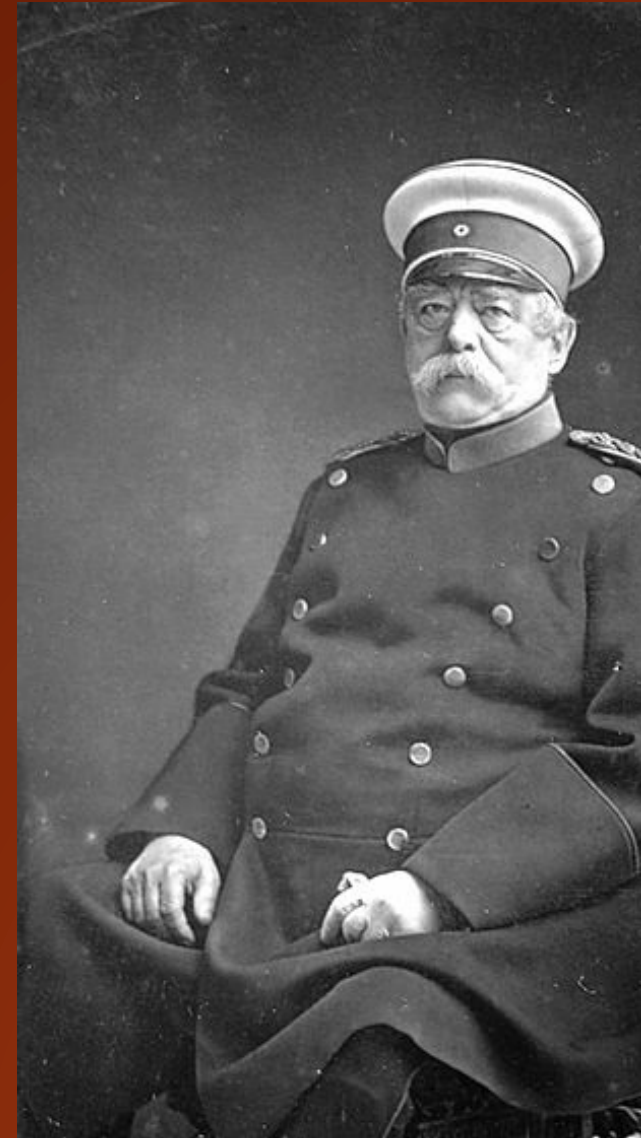
# A war to unite Germany



# BLOOD & IRON

ways considered that a war with France  
ld naturally follow a war against  
ria... I was convinced that the gulf  
h was created over time between the  
n and the south of Germany could not  
etter overcome than by a national war...  
not doubt that it was necessary to  
e a French-German war before the  
ral reorganization of Germany could be  
zed."

-- Otto von Bismarck (Memoirs)



# PERIOR Technology and ORGANIZATION



Prussian army,  
its efficient  
General Staff,  
employed railroads  
artillery more  
effectively than the  
French.





# Russian Artillerymen





# Siege of Paris

*Sep. 1870*  
*Jan. 1871*





# RUSSIA INS

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with POW





CHANCELLOR  
OF Germany



# Proclamation of the German Empire



Hall of Mirrors (Versailles)

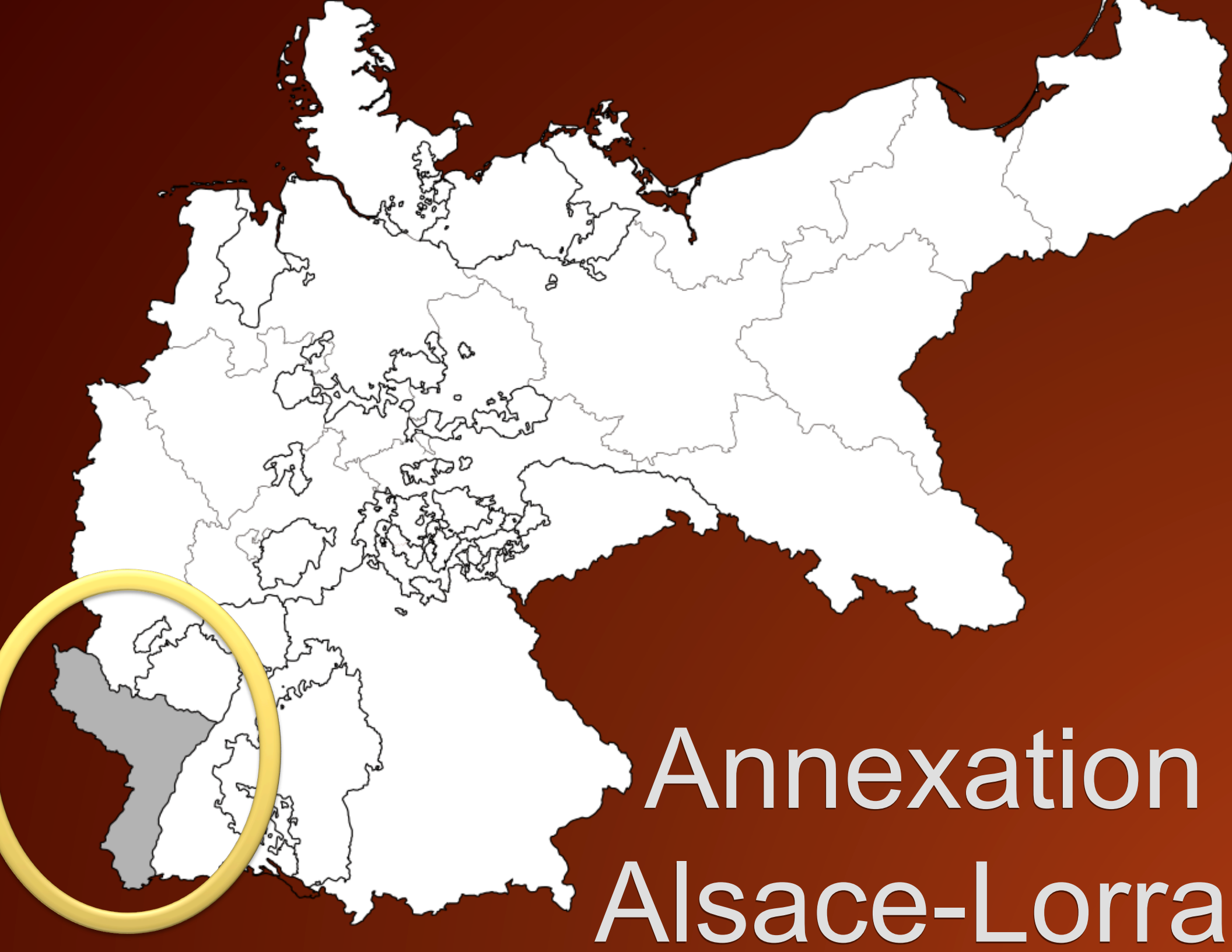


# Proclamation of the German Empire



William I proclaimed Kaiser  
(Emperor) of Second German





Annexation  
Alsace-Lorra



Alsace-Lorraine included  
many French speakers,  
many German speakers  
who resented annexation  
into the Empire.



# Timeline

## of German Unification

1815	German Confederation Created
1848	Frankfurt Parliament
1864	Second Schleswig War
1866	Austro-Prussian War
1870	Franco-Prussian War
1871	German Empire Proclaimed